

- Regular meeting of the City Council : Austin, Texas, May 1st 1913.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor: Roll called:

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Absent none.

The minutes of the last regular and subsequent recessed meetings were read and adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the City Engineer for the month of Feby 1913, was read and ordered filed.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, on June 4th, 1896, Virginia Murchison conveyed to the City of Austin for alley purposes a strip of ground ten feet by eighty feet, out of Block 43, in Division "D", of the City of Austin, Texas, beginning at a point in the North line of said Block 160 feet east of the Northwest corner, thence southerly and parallel with the east and west lines of said block 80 feet, thence easterly parallel with the south line of 19th street 10 feet, thence Northerly and parallel with the east and west lines of said block 90 feet, and thence westerly along the south line of 19th street to the beginning; and

Whereas, said strip of ground has never been used as a public way since the conveyance thereof, and no public necessity now exists nor is likely to occur to require its use ~~any~~ for the public convenience; and

Whereas, J A Small is now the owner in fee of said strip of ground, subject only to the easement established by said conveyance; therefore.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said strip of ground in so far as same may have the character of an alley, by virtue of said conveyance, be and the same is hereby perpetually closed and vacated, and the Mayor is authorized and instructed to acquit to said J A Small all the right, title and interest the City of Austin may have in and to said strip of ground.

Approved, J B Rector, City Attorney.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none. Councilman Anthony presented the resignations of the following appointees in his Dept, which were read and accepted, viz :

Andy J Byas, as Clerk of the Corporation Court, J D Copeland, as Patrolman, J C White, Joe Costley as Mounted Policemen.

Also the resignation of Dr Gibson, as Health Inspector.

Councilman Anthony then nominated the following named person for the positions named, all of which were confirmed by the Council by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4 Anthony not
Andy J Byas to be Mounted Policeman, J D Copeland to be Clerk of the Corporation Court, J M Jones to be Mounted Policeman & N O Ogletree to be Patrolman.

By Councilman Anthony presented the following petition: xxxxxx
Councilman Haynes presented the following petition:

Austin, Texas, May 1st 1913.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council,

City of Austin.

*Alley Block 43
Div D. Closed*

*Resignation
Policemen*

*Resignation
Policemen*

Gentlemen :

The records of the Water and Light Department of the City of Austin show that about fifteen or twenty years ago ,there was deposited in my house a Light Meter, for which I paid the sum of \$ 13.75 cash.

Since that date the price of Meters has been reduced to \$ 8.50, so I now respectfully ask your body to authorize the Supt of the Water & Light Dept to refund to me the sum of \$ 5.25.

Respectfully,

Orlander Caldwell,

300 East 10th street.

On Motion the petition was granted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That permit be and is hereby granted to the Retail Merchants Association of Austin , Texas, to place and keep in position for 15 days from and after this date a cloth sign at the intersection of East 5th street and Congress Avenue, directing people to the Merchants and Manufacturers Exposition which is to come off at 304 to 314 East 5th street in this City from May 3rd to May 15th .

Be it further resolved :

That they be authorized ,under the supervision of the Assistant Supt of the Water & Light Dept ,Mr W L Eyres, to string a row of electric lights across 5th street in front of said exposition at a distance of not less than 15 feet above the street.

Be it further resolved :

That they are authorized to place a temporary fence along the sidewalk at the curb line for a distance of 40 feet on the outside of the exposition with temporary gates at each end ,said gates and temporary fence are authorized to be in position from 6 O'clock P M until 11 O'clock P M ,beginning May 3rd and ending May 15th , 1913.

That the work specified under this last grant of authority is to be done under the supervision of the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements .

Be it further resolved :

That this permit is to be held as revocable at the pleasure of the City Council .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the sum of twenty thousand (\$ 20,000.) dollars be transferred out of the Sanitary Sewer Bond fund to the Sanitary Sewer fund.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none. Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Ans. For. in price
Water Meter, & found
O. Caldwell

Cloth sign for
Retail Merchants
Association

Transfer from
Sewer

.C ouncilma Powell offered the following resolution :

A resolution finally accepting pavement and improvement of Lavacca street from 13th to 19th streets.

*Resolution finally
Accepted*

Where as, the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements has filed his report with the City Council to the effect that the Texas Bitulithic Company has completed the work of paving and improving Lavacca street from 13th to 19th streets ,under contract with the Cityand that said work has been fully done in strict accordance with said contract and specifications adopted by the City,; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the said work of improvement be finally accepted by the City and that the final estimate due by the City to said Company be paid.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes ,Bartholomew & Powell 5
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following ~~xxxxxxxx~~Communicate
To the Hon Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin ,

Austin, Texas.

*Quality Mills
for water*

The Quality Mills desires to arrange with the City for a portion of the waste water from the City Power Plant, and which now discharges in Shoal Creek. There is now a concrete reservoir in the creek bed which can be utilized to pump from. This water to be used in connection with cooling our powerplant; Water to be circulated through our engine with appropriate pump and returned to reservoir. This water at the present time is purely waste; however, we would be willing to pay a nominal ~~xxxx~~ amount for its use as suggested, and think \$ 10.00 per annum would be a fair figure.

Your prompt and favorable action ,will oblige,

Yours respectfully,

Quality Mills,

W H Dodson, Manager.

The communication was read and referred to Councilman Bartholomew.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the bond of Fred Sterzing City Assessor and Collector ,elect ,of the City of Austin, in the amount of thirty eight thousand (\$ 38,000.) dollars and dated April 30th ,1913, be and the same is hereby approved. Said bond has as its sureties Messrs Herman Pressler, J P Schneider and H A Wroe.

*Said Fred Sterzing
Ass. & Col.
approved*

Be it further resolved :

That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to copy said bond in full in the minutes of the City Council .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor .

Supplemental
Tax Roll approved

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :
That special supplemental rolls for the years 1911 and 1912 as made up by the City Assessor and Collector and being from numbers 1 & to Number 143 & inclusive for the year 1911 ,and from Nos 1 & to 222 & inclusive for the year 1912, aggregating for both of said years the sum of \$ 12, 749.40 be and the same are hereby approved .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

Costs in District
Court
of Pickle Clerk

That the sum of five hundred, fifteen and 40/100 dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, in payment of the accompanying and attached bill of costs in favor of D H Pickle, Clerk of the District Court of Travis County , Texas, . The attached exhibits accompanied by itemized individual bills making up the sum of \$ 515.40, for other identification and other formalities of law, approved by J Bouldin Rector, City Attorney, H L Haynes, Supt Receipts , disbursements and accounts, and A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Bond of Fred Sterzing Assessor and Collector of Taxes.

State of Texas,
County of Travis,

Know all men by these presents :

Bond
Fred Sterzing
A W Wool

That we, Fred Sterzing, as principal, and Herman Pressler, J P Schneider & H A Wroe as sureties Are held and firmly bound unto the Mayor of the City of Austin and his successors in Office, in the sum of thirty eight thousand dollars, good and lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we hereby bind ourselves , our heirs, Executors and Administrators , jointly, severally and formly by these presents.

The condition of this obligation is such , that wheres the above bounden Fred Sterzing was on the 24th day of April A D 1913 duly appointed City Assessor and Collector by the City Council of the City of Austin and to serve until his successor is appointed and qualified, as shown by the records of the City of Austin , now if the said Fred Sterzing shall strictly account for and pay over all monies to the City Treasurer that may come into his hands and otherwise perform all of his duties that are or may hereafter be imposed upon him by or under the Charter or ordinances of the City or by order of the City Council or by the Supt of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

In testimony whereof we hereunto sign our names at Austin, Texas, on this the 30th day of April 1913, (sgd)

Fred Sterzing,
Herman Pressler,
J P Schneider,
H A Wroe,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor

- The Council then recessed subject to call.

May 2nd 1913.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present:

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution :

Whereas, application has been made for 125 additional horse power in the eastern portion of the City and there is a probability that this amount may be increased to 400 horsepower; and,

Whereas, the electric lines to that portion of the City are not of sufficient size to carry the electric current for the amount of power required:

Therefore be it resolved that the Supt of Parks and Public & Public Property be authorized to purchase the necessary W P wire to make the necessary improvements.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, in response to an advertisement of the Supt of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts, of bids for the Office of City Treasurer and custodianship of the City's funds for the two years next after this date, the following individuals of this City have this day submitted bids for the Office of said City Treasurer and custodianship of the City's funds, to wit:

H A Wroe, Vice President, agreed to pay 3 1/10 per cent on daily balances.

W H Folts, Vice President, agreed to pay 3 30/100 per cent on daily balances.

Chester Thrasher, Vice President, agreed to pay 3 51/100 per cent on daily balances,

and each of said bidders offered to secure said deposits with good and sufficient bonds; and,

Whereas, it appears that Chester Thrasher, Vice President, is the highest and best bidder for the Office of City Treasurer of the City of Austin for the next succeeding two years;

Now Therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the said Chester Thrasher, Vice President, be and he is hereby elected City Treasurer of the City of Austin for the two years next succeeding the date hereof, and as such, is entitled to the custody of the City's funds;

provided that he shall offer to the City Council and the City Council shall approve his two certain bonds for the safekeeping and proper accounting for of said funds, to-wit: one bond in the amount of One hundred thousand dollars with some approved Surety Company as surety, and another bond in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars with good and sufficient personal sureties as sureties therefor.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then recessed subject to call.

*Appropriation to
purchase wire.
H. L. Acpt*

*Bids for City
Treasurer*

*Chester Thrasher
Elected City Treasurer
&
Bond fixed*

May 3rd 1913.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present:

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the following transfers be made:

The sum of \$ 175,000.) now to the credit of the Permanent Street Improvement bond account be transferred to the Permanent Street Improvement fund.

That sum of \$ 162,920.50 now to the credit of the Sanitary Sewer Bond account be transferred to the Sanitary Sewer fund.

The sum of \$ 49,516.85 now to the credit of the Hospital Building Bond account be transferred to the Hospital Building fund.

The sum of \$ 30,000.00 now to the credit of the Cemetery Bond account be transferred to the Cemetery Purchase fund.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved .A P Wooldridge Mayor.

Approved

Supt Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the bond of Chester Thrasher ,as City Treasurer,in the amount of two hundred thousand (\$ 200,000.00) dollars ,upon which bond the following individuals are sureties ,be and the same is hereby approved:

W R Hamby, F G Smith, S Goldstein, D T Iglehart, D B Gracy, E H Perry, David Harrell, A F Martin, Ed A Theile, T W Gregory, & R E Chambers.

Be it further resolved :

That the Clerk of the City of Austin be and he is hereby instructed to copy said bond in full in the minutes of the City Council of this City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved ,A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The State of Texas,

County of Travis S S

Know all men by these Presents: That we, Chester Thrasher as principal and W R Hamby, F G Smith, S Goldstein, D T Iglehart, D B Gracy, E H Perry, David Harrell, A F Martin, Ed A Theile, R E Chambers and T W Gregory as sureties are held and firmly bound unto A P Wooldridge as Mayor of the City of Austin ,a municipal corporation ,and to his successors in Office ,in the penal sum of Two Hundred Thousand (\$ 200,000.00) dollars ,good and lawful money of the United States of America,for the payment of which well and truly to be made we hereby bind ourselves ,our heirs, Executors, Administrators and successors ,jointly and severally, formly by these presents:

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Chester Thrasher was on the 2nd day of May A D 1913, duly elected City Treasurer of the City of Austin Texas,for the term of two years ,in accordance with Art 7,Section 16, of the Charter of the City of Austin,Texas,as shown by the records of the City of Austin,Texas.

Transfer from
Bond acct.

Charles Thrasher
Bond as
City Treasurer
Approved

. Now if the said Chester Thrasher as such such City Treasurer of the City of Austin, Texas, shall securely keep , strictly account for, and pay over in accordance with law , all monies that may come into his hands as such City Treasurer and shall otherwise faithfully perform and discharge all of the duties that are or may hereafter be imposed upon him by or under the Charter or the ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, and by order of the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, and by any other lawfully constituted authority , then this obligation shall be null and void , otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

The conditions and obligations of this bond are cumulative of and in addition to the condition and obligations of the certain bond of the said Chester Thrasher as principal and the American Surety Company of New York as surety in the sum of one hundred thousand (\$ 100,000.00) dollars , payable to A P Wooldridge as Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, and to his successors, and executed on the 11th day of May A D 1913.

In testimony whereof, we hereunto sign our names on this the 3rd day of May A D 1913.

(Sgd)

Chester Thrasher ,
Principal.

.W R Hamby,
F G Smith,
S Goldstein,
D T Iglehart,
D B Gracy,
E H Perry,
Dave Harrell,
A F Martin,
Ed A Theile,
T W Gregory,
R E Chambers .

Approved as to form,

J Bouldin Rector, City Attorney,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5.
Nays none.

State of Texas,
County of Travis, S S

Know all men by these presents : That we, Chester Thrasher as principal and American Surety Company of New York as surety, are held and firmly bound unto Honorable A P Wooldridge, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, and his successors in office in the sum of one hundred thousand (\$ 100,000.00) dollars , good and lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors, Administrators and Successors , jointly and severally firmly by these presents. :

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Chester Thrasher was on the 2nd day of May 1913, duly elected City Treasurer of the City of Austin, Texas, in accordance with Article 7, Section 16, of the

Charter of the City of Austin, Texas, as shown by the records of the City of Austin, Texas.

Now if the said Chester Thrasher, as such City Treasurer of the City of Austin, Texas, shall securely keep, strictly account for, and pay over in accordance with law, all monies that may come into his hands as such City Treasurer and shall otherwise faithfully perform and discharge all of the duties that are or may hereafter be imposed upon him by or under the Charter or the ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, or by the order of the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, or by any other lawfully constituted authority, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. Provided, however, and this obligation is upon the further express condition; that no suit, action or other proceedings shall be commenced or instituted against the principal or surety on this bond after the 2nd day of May nineteen hundred and nineteen (1919). In testimony whereof, we hereunto sign our names on this the 2nd day of May, 1913.

Chester Thrasher, Principal.

American Surety Company of New York.

By Jas E Lucy, Res Vice President.

Attest : Paul Berg haus.

Res asst Secretary .

Approved as to form, J Bouldin Rector, City Attorney.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then recessed subject to call.

May 6th 1913.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present:

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That upon satisfactory evidence furnished unto that effect, the assessment for credits against Ed Rosengren for the year 1912, be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of \$ 1,745. net.

Be it further resolved :

That the assessment heretofore made by the Board of Equalization against S E Rosengren and Wife, for credits for the year 1912, and amounting to an assessment of \$ 4,650.00, be and the same is hereby cancelled and annulled, and the Assessor and Collector authorized to take credit accordingly.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the sum of ninety (\$ 90.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund in purchase of a strip of land about 11 1/2 feet wide by 441 feet long out of Outlot 44, Div "O", of the City of Austin, Texas, .

Said strip of land being the property of Mrs Bertha M Hunnicutt and Husband H B Hunnicutt. For more particular description of the tract of land hereby purchased with the proceeds of this appropriation, reference is made to the warrantee deed executed by Mrs Bertha M Hunnicutt, and her Husband, H B Hunnicutt, dated the 6th day of May 1913.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none. Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Ed Rosengren
June 1

Purchase of land
May 6th 1913

. .The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That five (\$5.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, in payment of bill of S E Rosen- gren for one coffin box supplied to the City of Austin, Texas, .See attached bill

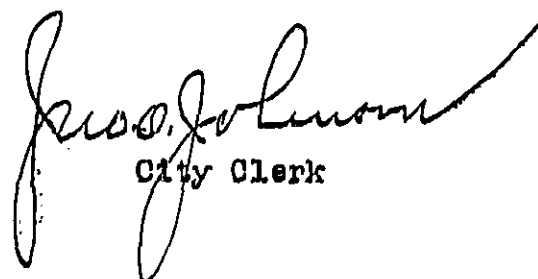
The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.


City Clerk